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but in reading the journal this morning, I do not see any motion which suspended the rules to take up the bill on general file. The rules do provide that the reference committee may place a bill on general file, without a public hearing, that is to then be there five days after, in which time any member may request that the bill have a public hearing. In part, well had there been a vote to suspend the rules perhaps it would have been different. It seems to me that one of the real important things about our process is the public hearings and the opportunity for people to appear. I can appreciate that we could take the position that bill really refers to internal relationship of the, internal working of the legislature, but I also would assume that the only real purpose of office space is that we could be of better service to our constituents. I think they also then should have the opportunity to, if they wish to, to indicate whether or not they feel that would be helpful to them, and it is quite probable or possible if no one appears maybe there is no interest that we have office spaces around the state, that is not, I don't believe the bill is limited to that, but apparently that is what the discussion revolved around. The other reason for making the motion indicated that it was a record vote, since I was absent this is my only alternative to express myself as desiring to have a public hearing on the bill because I was absent yesterday. With that I will have no closing, I just request the opportunity to vote.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion on Senator Warner's motion? Senator Warner, just a procedural matter, the Chair would observe that, would the clerk please read the motion again please.

CLERK: Motion read.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner the Chair would observe that once the bill has passed from general file to E & R initial that it appears to the Chair that it would be logical that we return the bill to general file and that your motion perhaps I would accept a motion that it be returned to general file, then the action, then it seems to me like your motion would be in order. Do you care to make that motion.

SENATOR WARNER: I would care Mr. Speaker, that properly should be a two step motion.

SPEAKER: Alright, Senator Warner's motion now did someone second that, thank you, Senator Warner's motion now is to return LB 204 to general file, for possible reconsideration and is there further discussion on that motion? Senator Warner did you care to close in any way. Thank you. The question is shall LB 204 be returned to general file, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. The motion is to return LB 204 to general file for possible reconsideration. Once again the Chair would ask if you have all voted. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 15 nays Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The motion fails. Are there other motions on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President I have another rule change (read).

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President I move that the bill be referred to the rules committee. Now you have another motion up there also, don't you?

SPEAKER: We've already put it in and it's been referred.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now I'd like to discuss the matter for a brief moment. We are getting in a position now that you may or may not know, and we are not making much progress from the stand point of the introduction of bills and having them printed